Infiltration from Bangladesh

†160. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of infiltration by Bangladeshis into Indian borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for want of formulation of a concrete policy to drive away Bangladeshi infiltrators, these infiltrators have established their roots in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of reasons for not formulating policy against Bangladeshi infiltrators by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of illegal immigration/infiltration from Bangladesh into various parts of the country. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration.

The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Government /UT Administrations to detect and deport illegal Bangladeshi migrants staying in the country. Besides, the Government has also taken up various measures to curb illegal influx into the country, which, *inter alia,* includes strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipments/gadgets: reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, etc. In addition, thirty two (32) foreigners tribunals under the provisions of Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been constituted in the State of Assam for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners.

Rampage in Jalandhar Central Jail

161. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that hundreds of inmates of the Jalandhar Central Jail went on a rampage, setting on fire the prison and pelting stones on police officials in the month of January this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governme nt has asked for a detailed report from the State Government in this regard and has given any further directions to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by the Government of Punjab one of the prisoners had alleged that the jail

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

officials had cut off his hair and thereby provoked the religious sentiments of some prisoners. The prisoners had a grudge against the Jail Deputy Superintendent who maintained strict discipline inside the prison by detecting mobile phones and stopping the supply of drugs being used by the prisoners. Some of the Jail staff were also hand in glove with the prisoners and in connivance with the prisoners incited violence in the Jail as a result of which the prisoners went on a rampage, setting fire to the prison and pelting stones at the Jail officials. The prisoners burnt the factory store, medical store and all the wooden doors and windows of the jail and tried to blast the main gate by throwing an LPG cylinder. They also tried to escape through the perimeter wall by breaking an electricity pole and using it as a stair to scale the perimeter wall.

The District Administration deployed the Police outside the jail to control the situation. Subsequently, the police and the jail officials resorted to fire in the air, and brought the situation under control within two hours of the incident. The Deputy Superintendent was suspended and a Magisterial inquiry was ordered. The jail officials have also lodged an FIR under Section 436, 427 IPC and Section 10 of Damage to Public Property Act against some of the prisoners. The case is udner investigation of the police.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Although 'Prisons' is a State subject, the Union Government from time to time has been advising the State Governments and Union Territories to strengthen the security in jails and take all precautionary measures.

Steps to curb escaping of prisoners

162. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of prisoners escaped from one of the prisons in Chhattisgarh in the month of December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar incidents of escaping of prisoners from jails have been reported from various States in the past few years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to ensure that such incidents may not occur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reproted by the Government of Chhattisgarh 299 prisoners succeeded in absconding from the Dantewada District Jail in the State of Chhattisgarh on 16.12.2007. For the distribution of food the prisoners had been taken out of their barracks. Some prisoners started banging on their utensils to divert the attention of the security personnel towards the kitchen. Taking advantage of the situation Mr. Sujeet and ten other prisoners belonging to the Naxalite ideology came to the main gate and knocked and asked the gate keeper on duty, Shri Raj Kumar Souri to open the door on the pretest that they had to distribute medicines. When the gatekeeper opened the door, the prisoners immediately came into the main gate block, caught the gatekeeper, hit him on the head with a brick and took; him under their custody. Thereafter, the prisoners looted rifiles and cartridges. The prisoner, Sujeet entered into the jail compound with rifles and threatened the prisoners that